

By Senator Stargel

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to responsibilities of health care
3 facilities; repealing s. 383.336, F.S., relating to
4 practice parameters for physicians performing
5 Caesarean section deliveries in provider hospitals;
6 amending s. 395.1051, F.S.; requiring a hospital to
7 notify certain obstetrical physicians within a
8 specified timeframe before the hospital closes its
9 obstetrical department or ceases to provide
10 obstetrical services; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 383.336, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

15 Section 2. Section 395.1051, Florida Statutes, is amended
16 to read:

17 395.1051 Duty to notify patients and physicians.-

18 (1) An appropriately trained person designated by each
19 licensed facility shall inform each patient, or an individual
20 identified pursuant to s. 765.401(1), in person about adverse
21 incidents that result in serious harm to the patient.
22 Notification of outcomes of care that result in harm to the
23 patient under this section does ~~shall~~ not constitute an
24 acknowledgment or admission of liability and may not, ~~nor can it~~
25 be introduced as evidence.

26 (2) A hospital shall notify each obstetrical physician who
27 has privileges at the hospital at least 120 days before the
28 hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide
29 obstetrical services.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.